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SUBJ: HIGH LEVEL ATTENDANCE AT 28TH UNGA

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BEGIN SUMMARY: RECOMMEND SECRETARY MEET WITH MALAGASY FOREIGN MINISTER RATSIRAKA IN NEW YORK, ESPECIALLY ON KOREAN ISSUES. END SUMMARY.

- 1. FONMIN DIDIER RATSIRAKA, AS HEAD OF MALAGASY DEL, PLANS ARRIVE NEW YORK IN TIME FOR OPENING 28TH UNGA. STILL UNCERTAIN WHETHER HE WILL RETURN TANANARIVE AFTER NON-ALGINED CONFERENCE ALGIERS OR WAIT IN PARIS. LATTER POSSIBILITY REPORTED MORE LIKELY. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS FONMIN WILL NOT STAY FOR ENTIRE SESSION BUT WILL CERTAINLY SPEND SEVERAL WEEKS AT MINIMUM.
- 2. PARA 3, REFTEL A: EMBASSY RECOMMENDS APPOINTMENT FOR RATSCONFIDENTIAL

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IRAKA WITH SECRETARY. FOLLOWING MEETING WITH SEC DURING 27TH

UCOA AND ESPECIALLY AFTER MEETING WITH AND LUNCH HOSTED BY SEC ON JUL 26, RATSIRAKA'S PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH SEC COULD BE FURTHER DEVELOPED BY THIS MEETING IN MANNER WHICH SHOULD SERVE LIS INTERESTS VERY WELL.

- 3. BELIEVE KOREAN ISSUE (REFTEL B) WOULD BE MOST IMPORTANT ONE FOR SEC TO TAKE UP WITH RATSIRAKA IN VIEW APPARENT FONMIN ANTI-PATHY TOWARDS ROK BASED MAINLY ON ALLEGED SOUTH KOREAN CLUMSI-NESS IN ATTEMPTING GAIN SUPPORT. AFTER THIS VIEW REPORTED REFTEL D, UN SERVICES CHIEF (HENRI RASOLONDRAIBE) IN DIRECTORATE OF MULTILATERAL RELATIONS, TO WHOM COMPLETE PRESENTATION MADE BY DCM ON AUG 20 OF ISSUES OUTLINED STATE 162623, STATED THAT GOMR COULD NOT VERY WELL SUPPORT NORTH KOREAN MEMBERSHIP IF NORTH KOREA DOES NOT WISH TO BECOME MEMBER. SEC'S PERSONAL INTERVENTION MIGHT POSSIBLY SOFTEN MALAGASY VIEW TOWARDS ROK PROPOSAL AND WOULD STAND BETTER CHANCE OF SUCCEEDING AS REGARDS UNCURK AND UNC ISSUES. LEAVING INITIATIVE TO ROK IS LIKELY TO BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE AS FAR AS GOMR CONCERNED.
- 4. CONVENTION ON PROTECTION OF DIPS IS ANOTHER SUBJECT ON WHICH MEETING BETWEEN SEC AND FONMIN COULD FURTHER US INTERESTS.
- 5. EMBASSY BELIEVES RATSIRAKA WOULD BE SATISFIED DEVOTE EVENTUAL MEETING TO ISSUES AT UN BUT MIGHT CONCEIVABLY TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IT TO PURSUE SUBJECTS RAISED DURING BILATERAL MEETINGS WASH LAST JULY, E.G., RENEWAL NASA STATION AGREEMENT, DESIRE PURCHASE RICE IN U.S. AND RENEWED PLEA FOR UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS. EMBASSY WILL PROVIDE RUTHER READING IN LIGHT OF DEVELOPMENTS.
- 6. MOFA OFFICIAL SAID FOLLOWING PERSONS IN ADDITION TO FONMIN RATSIRAKA HAVE ALREADY BEEN NAMED TO DEL: FROM TANANARIVE, DIRECTOR OF MULTILATERAL RELATIONS AUGUSTIN AMPY PORTOS, UN SERVICES CHIEF HENRI RASOLONDRAIBE, MAGISTRATE VINCENT ROKOTOSON (SIXTH COMMISSION) AND FIANARANTSOA PROVINCIL COMMERCE SERVICE CHIEF JULIEN RATSIMBAZAFY; FROM WASH, AMB HENRI RAHRIJAONA AND COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR JOHN RATOVOHERY; FROM NEW YORK, PERMREP AMB BLAISE RABETAFIKA PLUS ALL MALAGASY DIPS ACCREDITED UN. TWO MORE MEMBERS YET TO BE NAMED.

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7. EMBASSY KNOWS OF NO PLANS OF CHIEF OF GOVT MAJGEN GABRIEL RAMANANTSOA TO ATTEND UNGA. GIVEN HIS PAST RECORD OF NON-ATTENDANCE AT OCAM AND OAU CHIEFS OF STATE CONFERENCES AND TOTAL LACK OF FOREIGN TRAVEL SINCE TAKING OVER TOP POSITION IN MADAGASCAR, IT IS EXTREMELY DOUBTFUL HE WILL CHANGE PLANS AT LAST MINUTE AND ATTEND.

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